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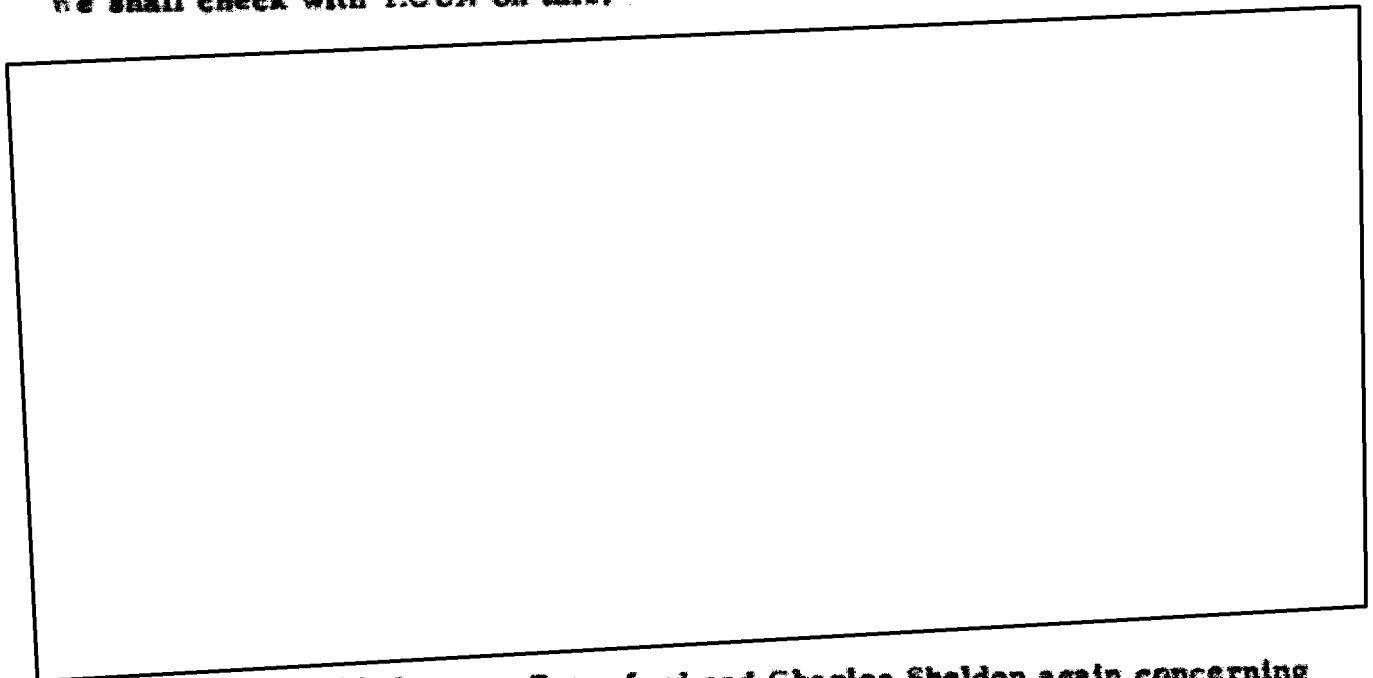
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2. [redacted] OTR, called to request a status report on H. R. 3880 and other identical bills to establish a Freedom Commission. We shall check with HCUA on this.

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5. Talked with Spencer Beresford and Charles Sheldon again concerning our appearance on Friday, 15 May, before the House Science and Astronautics Committee. Beresford said the Chairman, Representative Overton Brooks (D., La.), has decided to deemphasize the hoax aspect of the hearings and concentrate on the technology involved in the Soviet moon shot and the tracking techniques. He said the Committee is interested in one of the themes of Mallan's article to the effect that the Soviets are technologically backward. We discussed the possibility of our getting together prior to Dr. Scoville's appearance on Friday. We shall probably meet with him tomorrow.

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